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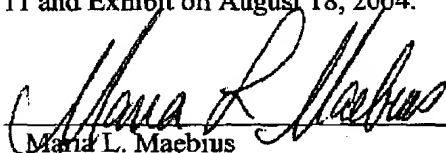
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This response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004, for which a response is due by August 18, 2004. No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 08-0219, to maintain the pendency of the present application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.